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- 5 1. A composite nonwoven web comprising:  
     a nonwoven web having a machine-direction and a cross-direction and  
     comprising a first segment and a second segment wherein said first and second  
     segments extend adjacent one another in said machine direction;  
     said first segments comprising first continuous filaments and wherein said first  
     continuous filaments comprise an elastomer;  
     said second segments comprising second continuous filaments and wherein  
     the second continuous filaments are different from the first continuous filaments; and  
     wherein said first continuous filaments proximate said second region and said  
     second continuous filaments proximate said first region are in a confluent  
 15 relationship with one another and form a unitary nonwoven web.
2. The composite nonwoven web of claim 1 wherein said second continuous  
 filaments comprise an inelastic polymer.
- 20 3. The composite nonwoven web of claim 2 wherein the area of said first segment  
 comprises between about 75% and about 25% of the total area of the composite  
 nonwoven web.
4. The composite nonwoven web of claim 2 wherein said second continuous  
 25 filaments comprise an olefin polymer.
5. The composite nonwoven web of claim 4 wherein said first continuous filaments  
 comprise an elastic olefin polymer.
- 30 6. The composite nonwoven web of claim 4 wherein said first continuous filaments  
 comprise an elastomer selected from the group consisting of polyesters,  
 polyurethanes, polystyrenes and polyolefins.
7. The composite nonwoven web of claim 4 wherein said first continuous filaments  
 35 comprise a blend of a polyolefin and a block copolymer having a styrenic moiety  
 blocks and elastomeric polymer mid-blocks.

8. The composite nonwoven web of claim 1 wherein said nonwoven web is selected from the group consisting of spunbond and meltblown fiber webs.

5 9. The composite nonwoven web of claim 8 further comprising a third region adjacent said first region, said third region comprises third continuous filaments the same as the second continuous filaments and wherein said first continuous filaments proximate said third region and said third continuous filaments proximate said first region are in a confluent relationship with one another and form a unitary composite  
10 nonwoven web.

10. The composite nonwoven web of claim 9 wherein said first continuous filaments comprise a first olefin polymer and said second and third continuous filaments comprise a second olefin polymer and wherein said first olefin polymer has a higher  
15 modulus of elasticity than said second olefin polymer.

11. A composite nonwoven web comprising:  
a nonwoven web having a machine-direction and a cross-direction and comprising a first segment and a second segment wherein said first and second  
20 segments extend adjacent one another in said machine direction;  
said first segments comprising first continuous filaments and wherein said first continuous filaments are hydrophobic;  
said second segments comprising second continuous filaments and wherein the second continuous filaments are hydrophilic; and  
25 wherein said first continuous filaments proximate said second region and said second continuous filaments proximate said first region are in a confluent relationship with one another and form a unitary nonwoven web.

12. The composite nonwoven web of claim 11 wherein said second continuous  
30 filaments contain a wetting agent.

13. The composite nonwoven web of claim 12 further comprising a third region and wherein said third region is adjacent said second region, said third region comprises third continuous hydrophobic filaments and wherein said second continuous  
35 filaments proximate said third region and said third continuous filaments proximate said second region are in a confluent relationship with one another and form a unitary composite nonwoven web.

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